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FAYETTEVILLE MAN POWER PLAYS HIS WAY TO \$1 MILLION

- Gastonia Man to Further his Education with \$1 Million Powerball Win-**
- Two Johnston County Men Win Big Prizes Playing Powerball and "Carolina Cash 5"-**
- Wake County Man Hits "\$200,000 Jackpot"-**
- Powerball Jackpot Rolls to \$165 Million-**

RALEIGH-Daniel Vinson of **Fayetteville** thought he'd only won \$200,000 in last night's Powerball drawing until he called his son to tell him his ticket matched all five white balls drawn. That's when his son reminded him that he had Power Played and his ticket was actually worth \$1 million! When asked if he'd forgotten about having Power Played, Vinson said, "I guess I was just so excited about having won \$200,000!"

Vinson purchased his winning ticket at Rainbow Grocery on Dunn Road in Fayetteville. He says he will take his family on a cruise to the Caribbean and then put the rest away for retirement.

Philip Bronikowski of **Clayton** also matched all five white balls drawn in last night's Powerball drawing but did not Power Play. He claimed his \$200,000 prize earlier today and says he picked his own numbers for the ticket. He checked his numbers online this morning and then says he had to check them again and again to make sure what he was seeing was correct. He plans to save his winnings.

In addition to these winning tickets, two North Carolina tickets in last night's Powerball drawing matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball and are worth \$10,000 each. These tickets were sold at Duck Thru Food Store on 10th Street in **Greenville** and at Scotchman on South 17th Street in **Wilmington**.

No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball, so the jackpot for the Saturday, Jan. 17 Powerball drawing is an **estimated \$165 million!** A total of 53,691 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Wednesday, Jan. 14 Powerball drawing, ranging from \$1 million down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$1,739,882.

Matthew Alton of **Gastonia** is an occasional Powerball player who says he always makes sure to Power Play. That decision made him a millionaire when his ticket for the Dec. 31 Powerball drawing matched all five white balls drawn.

Alton says he plans to use his winnings to further his education at UNC-Charlotte. He says he won't splurge on anything but, as a car enthusiast, may use some of his winnings to get his car painted. Alton purchased his winning ticket at One Stop Grocery on East Franklin Boulevard in Gastonia.

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For Charles Jones of **Clayton**, "Carolina Cash 5" is his lucky game. He stopped for gas at the Hasty Mart on N.C. Highway 42 in Clayton and decided to go inside the store to get a receipt. While there, he decided to buy a lottery ticket. That ticket for the Jan. 14 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing won him \$344,204 when it matched all five numbers drawn.

Jones learned of his win this morning around 5 a.m. He says he checked his numbers on the computer and then woke up his wife to tell her the good news. He says he will invest his winnings for retirement.

Stacy Finch of **Holly Springs** plans to "have a little fun" with his lottery winnings. He bought a "\$200,000 Jackpot" ticket and won the top prize of \$200,000! Finch says a trip is in his future and possibly some new golf clubs. Finch purchased his winning ticket at Oakhall Exxon on North Main Street in Holly Springs.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$4 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, Jan. 12. Also since Monday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$493,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$945,000 in prizes.

Winners in the Jan. 14 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Daniel Vinson		\$1 Million	Rainbow Grocery 2118 Dunn Rd., Fayetteville
Philip Bronikowski	Clayton	\$200,000	Wilco 5179 N.C. Hwy. 42 West, Garner
Ottis Jeffries	Winterville	\$10,000	Duck Thru Food Store 3000 E. 10 th St., Greenville
Unknown		\$10,000	Scotchman 4405 S. 17 th St., Wilmington

Winner in the Jan. 14 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Charles Jones	Clayton	\$344,204	Hasty Mart 531 N.C. Hwy. 42, Clayton

Winner in the Dec. 31 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Matthew Alton	Gastonia	\$1 Million	One Stop Grocery 510 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia

Winners in the Jan. 10 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Group of 4 (Shared Prize)		\$10,000	Sea Merchants, Inc. 257 Cape Fear Blvd., Carolina Beach
-James Turlington	Wilmington		
-Terrence Smith	Kure Beach		
-Billy Holton	Kure Beach		
-Oscar Blake Jr.	Wilmington		

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Winner in the Dec. 20 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Maria Benning	Cary	\$10,000	Kroger 3825 S. Roxboro St., Durham

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Stacy Finch	Holly Springs	\$200,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Derrick Evans II	Raleigh	\$30,000	"Red Line Crossword"
Annie Bates	Reidsville	\$10,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
James Cheaves	Louisburg	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Thanh Nguyen	Greensboro	\$10,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Johnnie Mae Young	Charlotte	\$10,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Gary Johnson	Greensboro	\$7,000	"Super 7s"
Virgil Lockey Jr.	Jacksonville	\$7,000	"Super 7s"
George Ballard	Burgaw	\$5,000	"Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"
Hollis Beahm	Havelock	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Donald Camden	Indian Trail	\$5,000	"Extreme Green"
Johnnie Campbell	Fayetteville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Talina Carson	Rutherfordton	\$5,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Michael Dunne	Willow Springs	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Carmen Farmer	Wilson	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Terri Fields	Climax	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Kebrab Gebrehiwot	Mint Hill	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Jolene Hodges	Kannapolis	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Brenda Lalonde	Morganton	\$5,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Randy Matson	Havelock	\$5,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Christopher Norris	Smithfield	\$5,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Ritchie Phillips	Whitsett	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Boyd Snyder	Fayetteville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"

"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	177

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	143
\$100,000 - \$10,000	761

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.